

CITY OF NORTH BEND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 26, 2012 at 7:00 PM

City Hall Conference Room,

211 Main Avenue North, North Bend, WA 98045

Please Note: A complete audio recording of this meeting is available on the City of North Bend website, www.northbendwa.gov, under Commissions - Planning Commission - Meeting Audio.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Planning Commissioners present: Bruce Bjorklund, Brenden Elwood, Gary Fancher, Jim Luckey, Rob McFarland (Chair), and Piper Muoio. Commissioner Lee had notified staff that he would be unable to attend, and has been excused from tonight's meeting. City Staff present: Mike McCarty, Senior Planner; Gina Estep, Director of Community and Economic Development. Guest: Dr. Richard Gammon, Professor (Emeritus) of Atmospheric Sciences, University of Washington

AGENDA ITEM #2 – MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 28, 2012 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Chair McFarland asked if there was a motion to approve the Minutes from the June 28, 2012 Planning Commission Meeting. Commissioner Luckey motioned to Approve the Minutes; Commissioner Muoio seconded the Motion. There were no comments or corrections to the Minutes offered. The Minutes were Approved, 6:0.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

Chair McFarland asked if anyone would like to make comment on any non-agenda item. No one from the audience offered comment on any non-agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOP (4th IN SERIES)

- a. **Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change – Guest Speaker, Dr. Richard Gammon, Professor (Emeritus) of Chemistry and Oceanography and Adjunct Professor (Emeritus) of Atmospheric Sciences, University of Washington**
- b. **Question & Answers, Discussion**
- c. **Review and Consideration of Draft Policies Addressing GHG Emissions**

Mike McCarty introduced Dr. Richard Gammon, Professor (Emeritus) from the University of Washington.

Dr. Gammon spoke to the Commissioners and guests, and talked about his 30 to 40 year background in climate research, and that he had been the Director of Carbon Monoxide Detection for the U. S. Government. Dr. Gammon gave a power point presentation to the Commissions and guests about climate change. During Dr. Gammon's presentation, there were questions and answers between the Commissioners and Dr. Gammon.

After his presentation, Dr. Gammon took questions from the Commissioners and guests. Mr. Larry Costello, P.O. Box 1669, North Bend, WA, who said he is a skeptic of global warming, gave substantive comment and questioned Dr. Gammon in depth about climate change. There was an ongoing discussion, including questions and answers, between Dr. Gammon, guests, Commissioners, and city staff concerning climate change.

Mr. McCarty spoke to the Commissioners and guests about monitoring, tracking, and mitigating greenhouse gas emissions, and gave a power point presentation titled "Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change" addressing potential impacts to North Bend and the related policies in the draft Energy and Sustainability Element.

1 After Mr. McCarty's power point presentation, there was an open discussion between the Commissioners, guests,
2 and city staff concerning greenhouse gas emissions and climate change.
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4 Mr. Costello suggested to the Commission that although this is the last scheduled meeting in the series on Energy
5 and Sustainability, that the Commissioners consider holding another meeting, and Mr. Costello asked if he was
6 able to arrange another expert with a different perspective to speak, would the Commission be open to this
7 suggestion. Chair McFarland said to Mr. Costello that if he could supply Mr. McCarty his proposed speaker and
8 information, that it would be considered. Chair McFarland said that he would not be opposed to Mr. Costello's
9 suggestion.
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11 **ADJOURNMENT:**

12 Chair McFarland asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fancher motioned to adjourn the
13 meeting; Commissioner Muoio seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.
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15 **NEXT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:**

16 The next Planning Commission meeting will be held August 9, 2012 at the City Hall Conference Room.
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Rob McFarland, Chair

Mike McCarty, City of North Bend